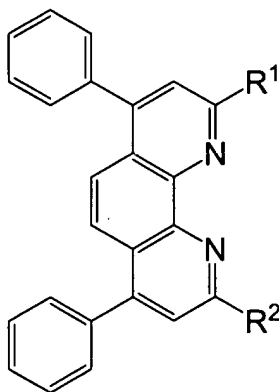


**IN THE CLAIMS**

The following claims listing replaces all prior claims listings:

Claims 1.-10. (Cancelled.)

11. (Currently amended) A bathophenanthroline compound of formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are selected from the group consisting of ~~an ethyl group, an n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, an n-pentyl group,~~ an iso-pentyl group, a neopentyl group, a tert-pentyl group, a cyclopentyl group, a methylcyclopentyl group, a dimethylcyclopentyl group, a trimethylcyclopentyl group, a tetramethylcyclopentyl group, an n-hexyl group, a 2-ethylbutyl group, a 3,3-dimethylbutyl group, a cyclohexyl group, an n-cyclohexylmethyl group, an n,n-dimethylcyclohexyl group, an n,n,n-trimethylcyclohexyl group, a tert-octyl group, a 2-ethylhexyl group, an n-nonyl group, an n-decyl group, an n-dodecyl group, an n-tetradecyl group, an n-hexadecyl group, a benzyl group, a phenethyl group, an  $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl group, an  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 2-naphthylmethyl group, a furfuryl group, a 2-methylbenzyl group, a 3-methylbenzyl group, a 4-methylbenzyl group, a 4-ethylbenzyl group, a 4-isopropylbenzyl group, a 4-tert-butylbenzyl group, a 4-n-hexylbenzyl group, a 4-nonylbenzyl group, and a 3,4-dimethylbenzyl group.

Claims 12. -28. (Canceled)